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## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

## UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

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Arizona Corporation Commission

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Complaint Description: 19L misc line siting  
N/A Not Applicable

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Complaint By: John F

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Account Name: John F PamperinHome: [REDACTED]Street: [REDACTED]Work: (000) 000-0000City: PhoenixCBR:State: AZ Zip: 85021-6926is:Utility Company: Miscellaneous ElectricDivision: ElectricContact Name: UnknownContact Phone: (000) 000-0000Nature of Complaint:

CUSTOMER SENT THE COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING LINE-SITING  
REGARDING: L-00000A-06-0295-00130

5/12/07

Dear Chairman Gleason and Commissioners:

I am writing to ask the Arizona Corporation Commission reject the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Devers to Palo Verde 2 Transmission Line Project. It is not in the broader public interest. This proposed line will bring little, if any benefits to Arizona rate payers and in fact is likely to result in increased rates for Arizonans, while at the time doing significant environmental harm. The proposed line is clearly incompatible with the K of A National Wild life Refuge as was determined by the Refuge manager, and would also negatively impact other sensitive public lands in our state.

This transmission is contrary to the National Wild life Refuge System mission and would hinder the Refuge staff to meet the mandates of that mission. A second power transmission line would further fragment and reduce the quality and quantity of habitats on the K of A National Wild life Refuge. By that stand and alone the proposed new 500 KV line is incompatible with the mission of the Refuge. The right of way through the K of A is through prime desert bighorn sheep and desert tortoise habitat. The potential effects of another power line on bighorn sheep, especially on movement across the power line right-of-way and during the lambing period, are clearly contrary to the purposes for which the refuge was established. Considering that the population of sheep in the area is estimated to be down to 390 animals, a drop of the approximately 230 animals from 2003 and down from 812 animals in 2000, it is prudent to be cautious about introducing further disturbances. In addition, potential impacts to reptiles, either attempting to cross roads or no longer able to cross the right-of-way because of its width, and migratory birds striking the power lines and also clearly contrary to the purposes of the refuge and its management mandates. The line will also further obstruct the natural view of the area that is pristine desert landscape and clearly negatively affect the wilderness values of the refuge. Visual impact as well as

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recreational impacts on the K of A National Wildlife Refuge would be significant and could not be mitigated. Adding additional industrial features to the landscape is a significant adverse visual change. The project would change the character of the K of A and significantly diminish its recreational value as well. The Power Plant and Line Siting Committee is charged with considering a number of factors including the total environment of the area; fish, wildlife and plant life and associates forms of life upon which they are dependant existing scenic areas; and more, and it is to "give special consideration to the protection of areas unique because of biological wealth or because they are habitats for rare and endangered species."

There is no doubt that the K of A is unique and special. The DVP2 is unnecessary for an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electric power for Arizona and would cause significant damage to our precious Arizona public lands. Because of this I strongly urge the AZ Corp. Commission to reject the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Devers to Palo Verde 2 Transmission Line.

Thank You  
John Pamerin  
\*End of Complaint\*

### Utilities' Response:

N/A  
\*End of Response\*

### Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

05/17/07-I left a voice-mail message for the customer, in which I thanked him for writing the and sharing his opinion on the line-siting application. I informed him that his opinion will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Commission and will be made part of the record. I also informed the customer that the Commission will also take his opinion into consideration before rendering a decision in the regarding the line siting application. CLOSED.

\*End of Comments\*

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